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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF AIRCRAFT VIA MAC

1. CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED HEREIN ENTITLE, IN MY OPINION, DR. HAROLD G. DICKS TO A DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. HE ASKS THAT AN AIRCRAFT HULL, APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND POUNDS IN WEIGHT, BE SHIPPED TO AUSTRALIA VIA MAC AIRCRAFT. THE HULL, WHICH WILL BE DONATED BY MOONEY AIRCRAFT, IS PRESENTLY SITUATED IN KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

2. THE HULL WILL BE THE CENTERPIECE IN A MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE PERTH AIRPORT AND WILL HONOR HIS LATE WIFE, ROBIN MILLER DICKS WHO, IN ADDITION TO BEING AN AVIATRIX OF SOME NOTE HERE, WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL NURSES IN THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE. THIS OUTFIT IS HIGHLY REGARDED AND PRESENTLY OPERATING THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA. THE DOCTOR IN SUPPORT OF HIS REQUEST STATES THAT DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR BY HIS OWN INGENUITY HE SAVED A UNITED STATES VESSEL FROM GOUNDING IN HEAVY SEAS. ALSO, HE ASSERTS THAT HE SAVED THE LIFE OF AN AMERICAN CREWMAN WHO WOULD HAVE DIED BUT FOR SURGERY PERFORMED BY HIM.

3. DR. DICKS WAS TOLD BY ME THAT DESPITE THE MERITS OF HIS CASE AND THE EXCELLENT WORK PERFORMED BY THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAKES NO PROVISION FOR INCURRING SUCH EXPENSE. HE WAS GIVEN NO

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REASON TO EXPECT THAT HIS REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED. BUT, DR. DICKS IS PERSISTENT AND IS A MAN OF SOME STANDING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AND FOR THAT REASON I PROMISED THAT THE FINAL DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT. ALSTON

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